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## NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE DECISION OF THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES AND REQUEST FOR REVIEW

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal the Final Rejection of Claims 1 - 11 and 14 - 22 in the Examiner's Final Office Action of July 10, 2006 to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

Enclosed is a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review with attached statement of reasons.

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